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1. BILATERAL TALKS WITH HIS MAJESTY AND OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS WILL PROCEED AND FOLLOW STATE DINNER. AS ROYAL PROTOCOL PROPOSED IN REFTEL A, PRESIDENT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL PROCEED TO RESIDENCE OF KING AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M. (HOUR AND A HALF FROM 5:00 TO 6:30 P.M. IS PRAYER TIME FOR SAUDIS AND WILL PROVIDE PRESIDENT SOME PRIVATE TIME.) ON ARRIVAL AT KING'S PALACE, PRESIDENT AND OTHERS WILL JOIN KING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR OF TALKS. PROTOCOL DOES NOT EXPECT THESE TALKS TO BE SUBSTANTIVE.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING WITH KING, PRESIDENT AND PARTY WILL MOVE TO DINNER. ROYAL PROTOCOL SAYS HIS MAJESTY CAN INCLUDE MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY PLUS SIX ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS AS MENTIONED IN STATE 252878. SAUDIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE SOME SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS. THERE WILL BE NO REMARKS AT DINNER.

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3. AFTER DINNER PRESIDENT WILL RETURN TO GUEST PALACE. CROWN PRINCE AND OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS WILL SPEND SOME ADDITIONAL TIME WITH HIS MAJESTY AND THEN JOIN PRESIDENT AT GUEST PALACE FOR BILATERAL TALKS (APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M.) ROYAL PROTOCOL BELIEVES SAUDI SIDE WILL INCLUDE PRINCE ABDULLAH, PRINCE SULTAN, PRINCE SAUD (FOREIGN MINISTER), RASHID PHARAON (KING'S ADVISOR), AND SAUDI

AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. SAUDIS PREFER GIVE NO GUIDANCE
TO US FOR THOSE TO PARTICIPATE ON U.S. SIDE. THEY MADE SPECIAL
POINT THAT NUMBERS
DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT HAVE TO BE EQUAL.

4. COMMENT. REASON FOR LAST SENTENCE ABOVE (PARA 3) IS
THAT SAUDI SIDE COULD CHANGE UP OR DOWN IN NUMBERS MANY
TIMES BEFORE VISIT. SAUDIS ARE VERY FLEXIBLE ON THESE
POINTS AND READILY INCLUDE ANY KEY OFFICIAL PRESENT AT
TIME OF MEETINGS. ROYAL PROTOCOL DID CAUTION THAT HIS
MAJESTY MIGHT DECIDE TO LEAD SAUDI SIDE AND XYBAT THEY
WOULD NOT KNOW THAT IN ADVANCE. IF HE DOES DECIDE TO
PARTICIPATE, THE TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN KING'S
RESIDENCE. THIS, TOO, WE WILL NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE;
BUT AS PRESIDENT WILL ALREADY BE THERE AT DINNER, THERE
SHOULD BE NO PARTICULAR DISRUPTION.

5. PRESS OPPORTUNITY: PRESS POOL CAN COVER ARRIVAL
AT KING'S RESIDENCE. SAUDIS WILL NOT PERMIT ANY
PICTURES TO BE TAKEN DURING MEALS BUT WILL ALLOW PHOTO
COVERAGE OF BANQUET ROOM BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE AND POSSIBLY
OF GUESTS ACTUALLY ENTERING ROOM. PHOTO COVERAGE CAN
ALSO BE ARRANGED WHEN CROWN PRINCE AND SAUDI OFFICIALS
ARRIVE AT GUEST PALACE FOR BILATERAL TALKS BUT NOT DURING
TALKS THEMSELVES.

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